

## BOMB-THROWER'S WIFE IN TEARS

She Is Living in Lynchburg and Philadelphia Bank-Robber Left There Wednesday.

### WEEPS PITIFULLY OVER NEWS

Greatly Distressed When Told of Wife in Chicago—Thought Steele Divorced.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LYNCHBURG, VA., January 7.—Never did a woman appear to be a victim of more unfortunate circumstances than Mrs. Bessie L. Steele, the wife of J. R. Steele, who wrecked the Fourth Street National Bank in Philadelphia, Saturday about noon, losing his life in the explosion, which killed the cashier of the bank and practically demolished the banking house.

Mrs. Steele has been living with the man here for some two or three months, and the first intimation she had of the connection of her husband with the incident came late yesterday afternoon, when she read the account of the trouble in the morning papers.

Then, although the description of her husband tallied exactly with him, she was slow to conclude that it was her husband. To-day, however, there is no longer any doubt in her mind as to his identity, and she is making arrangements to return to her home in Grand Rapids, Mich., which she left not more than two years ago.

Mrs. Steele, aside from her little twelve-year-old boy, a bright, manly little fellow, was not a relative in the world closer than a cousin. Indeed, she is alone, and a thousand miles from her former home.

When seen to-day Mrs. Steele stated that her husband left home Wednesday night about 2:30 o'clock, telling her that he was going to Danville to look for work. It develops now that he wrote to his former wife, in Chicago, from whom he claimed to have been divorced, prior to his marriage to the woman here, that he was going to Philadelphia.

It is also ascertained that he told one friend that he was going to Florida, where he had a job that had been held open for him for two months, and still another that he was going to Atlanta, Ga., to seek work.

**Wanted Money Badly.**  
Asked what motive her husband could have in demanding \$5,000 from the Philadelphia bank, and then blowing it up because his demand was refused, Mrs. Steele declared that she was perfectly at sea, she did not know the slightest idea why he should resort to such a thing. She knew that he was in hard straits for money, but why he should wreck a bank she could not throw the slightest light on a probable incident.

For a number of years Steele has been handling high explosives in the cement construction work on which he has been engaged, and it is said that he had been experimenting with dynamite and electric batteries to ascertain the easiest and cheapest method to explode blasts. He had worked on a number of large railway contracts as a foreman of cement construction, one of the largest being at Danville, Ill. This was in 1905. In February, 1905, he went to work on the Piedmont, working around Roanoke and Salem. Later he went to Christiansburg, where he worked for some time. He remained there until the first of August, when he left and went with Nave Brothers, on a Norfolk and Western contract at Montvale. From there he was transferred to Hurt's Station. He remained there two or three days, leaving there and coming to Lynchburg, because there was no accommodation there for his wife and step-son.

Early in November he went to work as foreman on the cement construction of the big building now nearing completion for the Roanoke, Couch & Co., on Commerce Street. He quit this job last Tuesday morning, saying then that he intended going to Florida.

**Weeps Pitifully.**  
The Mrs. Steele who lives in Chicago, from whom Steele claimed to have been divorced, stoutly maintains that she was never divorced, and that her husband contributed regularly each month to the support of herself and his three children, who were born prior to his marriage with the wife here.

When told this morning, Mrs. Steele, who now appears to be the wife No. 2, broke down and wept pitifully. She stated that she knew her husband had three children in Chicago, but that he told her that he had been divorced from her and that she thought she was his legal wife.

"I will investigate this matter as soon as I can return home," declared the woman sorrowfully. "If I ascertain that he was not divorced when he married me, I will take legal steps at once to have the marriage annulled, despite the fact that he is dead, in order that I can resume my former name and give it to my boy."

Mrs. Steele stated that she was married to Steele at Greenville, Mich., on June 12, 1904. Her maiden name was Bessie L. Goodson, but when she married Steele she was a widow of only a brief time, her first husband and the father of her twelve-year-old son having been

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**Search for Explosives.**  
The Steeles lived in two furnished rooms at No. 1513 Grace Street, having been there about two months, and there was considerable concern among persons late yesterday evening and last night, when they heard that he was the man who blew the Philadelphia bank up, for fear that the rooms were filled with explosives and infernal machines.

There were two suspicious looking boxes or chests, which were carried into their rooms when they were first occupied by the family, and a number of persons felt confident that they should be inspected by the police authorities. As soon as Mrs. Steele heard of these rumors from a newspaper, man she made the careful search of the quarters and the only thing that could be found was a box of dynamite fuses, which Steele had used when at work on the railroad jobs. She said once came down town and reported the matter, and in turning the police were notified. Sergeant Seay returned to the home with Mrs. Steele and he satisfied himself that there was nothing to be feared in the place. At the request of Mrs. Steele the officer carried the fuses away from the house.

The two chests were referred to were found to have dishes packed in one, and the other contained nothing but books.

### Society Changes Officers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 7.—At the annual meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Society, held in the Baptist Church here last night, the following officers were elected: Rev. R. A. Williams, president; Colonel E. D. Cole, vice-president; B. P. Willis, superintendent of schools; W. S. Chesley, assistant superintendent; S. E. Eastburn, treasurer; S. R. Quinn, secretary. W. A. Bell, librarian; Executive Committee, Rev. R. A. Williams, B. P. Willis, H. W. Willenbecher, J. R. Rawlings and M. G. Willis.

### Visit to King William.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SOUTH FOSTON, VA., January 7.—Miss Janie Richardson, who has been visiting Miss Mary Robinson, of King William county, has returned to her home in South Boston.

### Tobacco-Growers Meet.

DANVILLE, VA., January 7.—The Tobacco Growers' Protective Association of Virginia and North Carolina will convene here to-morrow morning, and delegates are expected from all parts of the two States.

### MILITARY SASH OF GALLANT ANCESTOR

Former State Senator Wallace Has Much-Prized Relic of Revolutionary War.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 7.—Ex-State Senator G. M. Wallace, of Stafford county, has just come into possession of a Revolutionary War relic which he prizes highly. It is a military sash, which was worn by one of his ancestors, Colonel Gustavus B. Wallace, who was lieutenant-colonel of the Third Virginia Regiment in the revolutionary war, known as the Continental Line. The treasured relic was sent to Dr. Wallace by the widow of G. B. Wallace, of King George county. The sash is silk, color garnet, with figures and long fringe at the ends. It has retained its color, but shows the marks of time in many ways. It will be preserved by Dr. Wallace as a family heirloom.

At the Baptist Church yesterday, Rev. H. Aubrey Williams, the pastor, preached a sermon appropriate to the third anniversary of his pastorate, in which it was shown that the church is stronger than at any time within its history, the membership numbering 710, and the church is entirely free from debt.

The storehouse at Quantico, belonging to Ralph Pick, which was also the post-office of the place, was burned a few days ago. The stock of goods, all of the mail and post-office supplies were also destroyed. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway, the well-known Baptist minister, who has been ill with paralysis of the throat at his home here, is now improving gradually, being able to sit up, and his power of speech is returning.

The week of prayer services commenced to-night in the Baptist Church here, the speaker being Rev. H. H. Light. The attendance was large. These services will continue each night this week, alternating with the different churches.

## JEWISH PEOPLE ARE INDIGNANT

References to Members of Their Race by Captain McCarrick Seriously Offended Them.

### BRITISH SHIPS AT THE FAIR

Cablegram From Hon. C. W. Kohlsaat Announces That Squadron Will Be Sent.

NORFOLK, VA., January 7.—The Jewish population of Norfolk is indignant over what it terms an "insult" offered the Jewish race by Captain J. W. McCarrick, president of the Board of Trade, in his address at the big ladies' "booster" meeting at the Academy of Music last week.

Rev. R. S. Cohen, rabbi of Ohel Shalom Temple, the leading synagogue of the city, has made a vigorous reply to Captain McCarrick, in a sermon at the synagogue, and that, coupled with current correspondence on the affair, has only served to add fuel to the flame started by the Board of Trade president. The Jews, they say, were characterized as a band of "grifters" and "land schemers." Captain McCarrick made the remarks in connection with a reference to the promotion of the Jamestown Exposition.

Jewish ladies attended the meeting in large numbers, on a special invitation. They consider that they were treated very shabbily, and say that they were much hurt by the remarks of Captain McCarrick.

They think some one should have arisen in the meeting and chided the remarks of the speaker. Uncomfortable as the Jewish ladies were made to feel, they did not think that any of their number should be expected to reply to the captain.

The ladies expect the remarks of Captain McCarrick to be denounced by those under whose auspices the meeting was held, and they also expect to receive an apology for the insult they regard offered them.

### Twenty English Ships.

The English navy will be represented at the Jamestown Exposition by the British first cruiser squadron, it has been definitely announced.

This information is conveyed in a cablegram received to-day at the offices of the Jamestown Exposition from Hon. Charles W. Kohlsaat, commissioner-general of the exposition. The cablegram says:

"Have succeeded in obtaining definite assurance that the British Admiralty designates the first cruiser squadron to visit the Jamestown Exposition. Am forwarding photograph."

The number of vessels which go to make up the first cruiser squadron is not known here, but at the exposition offices they are supposed to number about twenty vessels, all told. In it are included perhaps a half-dozen vessels of the first class, and the remainder vessels of the second class and auxiliaries.

A portion of the squadron commanded by Prince Henry of Battenberg, with his flag aboard the cruiser Drake, visited the States about two years ago. Prince Henry went to Annapolis, Md., aboard the Drake. From there he went to Washington on an official call.

Most of the time that the ships were on this side of the water was spent in New York harbor.

### THREE DROWNED.

Upturned Skiff Found and Occupants Missing.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
NORFOLK, VA., January 7.—While attempting to cross Deep Creek, Norfolk county, in a skiff Saturday night, Clarence Williams, aged thirty; Percy Arnold, aged twenty, and B. Arnold, aged fourteen, all colored, were drowned. They were found yesterday floating in the water. They were employed at Barnes's Mill, on the Southern Branch, and left there Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock for Norfolk, to make some purchases.

On crossing the creek on their return home they were drowned. The bodies have not been recovered.

### Enjoyable Entertainment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
UPPERVILLE, VA., January 7.—The De Koven Quartet and Miss Estelle Van Horn (soprano), of Richmond, gave an entertainment here Saturday evening at Columbia Hall, under the auspices of the M. C. A. of this place, which was enjoyable in the extreme. This is the last of a series of entertainments, and the people deeply regret it. The oyster festival, too, given by the ladies of the several churches here, was well patronized and large amounts for charitable purposes were realized.

### Walker-Haywood.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 7.—Frederick Walker and Miss Margaret Haywood, both of Lancaster county, were married a few days ago at the home of W. K. Carter, near Millenbeck, in that county. Rev. W. F. Dunaway officiating.

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## IN PETERSBURG FOR SAFE-KEEPING

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### LAD DIES OF LOCKJAW

Was Accidentally Shot by Companion—Block National Bank Stock Sold.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
PETERSBURG, VA., January 7.—The Board of Aldermen this evening concurred in all important proceedings of the recent meeting of the Council except the passage of the ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to employ jail prisoners from the Mayor's Court as laborers on the streets and other public work, which matter was laid over until the next meeting in order to bring both proposed ordinances on that subject before the Board at the same time. The Police Commissioners are considering an ordinance referred to them by the Council providing for the employment of street vendors, habitual drunkards and other worthless characters as public laborers. The Board concurred in the raising of salaries of the Chief and members of the Fire Department and of the Clerk of the Markets and appointed Alderman Brockwell to confer with two other committeemen from the Council as to the amount of an appropriation for the improvement of the lake at West End Park. The resignations of Aldermen John A. Gill and M. R. Saal having been accepted, W. E. Poole and Harris Darnall were elected to succeed them.

Rev. Dr. Foster, pastor of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, read an excellent address on the subject of "The Preacher and His Books" at the monthly meeting of the Petersburg Ministerial Association at the First Baptist Church this morning. The paper was discussed with great interest by the many clergymen present. Rev. Dr. B. F. Lipscomb, of the Methodist Church, was appointed to read a paper at the association's next meeting in February. Ministers representing nearly all religious denominations in the city compose this association, which is meeting with great success in its work.

**Bring Negro Here.**  
William Burge, a negro, charged with murder, has been brought back from Surry Courthouse for safekeeping in the Petersburg jail until his case comes up at the next term of the Surry Circuit Court, to which his trial was continued.

S. V. Baugh, a white man, charged with aiding and abetting a mail delivery in Surry, has also been placed in the jail here to await trial at the next term of the court.

**Boy Dies of Lockjaw.**  
Willie Colgin, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Colgin, died on Saturday at the home of his parents, near Disputanta, Prince George county, from lockjaw, resulting from a fearful gunshot wound in the knee. As was reported to The Times-Dispatch, the child was accidentally shot by a companion, a boy about seven years old, the entire load from a shotgun entering the knee and blowing away a portion of the kneecap. The accident occurred about ten days ago.

It is understood that a large block of stock of the National Bank of Petersburg

has changed hands, having been purchased by an officer of the bank at \$250 a share, the high record price. The bank will soon move into its handsome new building at Sycamore and East Tabb Streets, which is now being furnished.

The second story of the new building will be occupied by the law department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company.

The stockholders of the new Petersburg Business and Credit Association and Investment Corporation will meet to-morrow night at A. P. Hill Camp Hall for election of officers and other work of organization. The fifty thousand dollars worth of stock necessary to organization has all been subscribed, and five additional workers have been appointed to the organizing committee.

At a monthly meeting to-day the special board of directors of the Central State Hospital awarded contracts for supplies for the ensuing quarter. The board found the institution in first-class condition.

Mr. Thomas Jefferson Spinner died yesterday at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Garman D. Eanes, on Canal Street. Mr. Spinner was highly esteemed by a great number of friends and acquaintances. He was about sixty-five years old, and is survived by one daughter, Mrs. G. D. Eanes. He was a member of A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans.

### DENY PETITION IN BAY SHORE CASE

NORFOLK, VA., January 7.—A telegram received here to-night from Washington announced that the United States Supreme Court has denied the petition of Frank D. Zell, of Philadelphia, for a writ of certiorari. In the famous matter of the receivership sale of the Bay Shore Terminal Company to E. B. Smith & Co., also of Philadelphia, for \$75,000.

The status of the case is now as it was when the United States Circuit Court affirmed the decision of the District Court, which confirmed the sale, and lawyers here for Smith & Co. think that the road, which has occasioned an immense amount of litigation, will soon be out of the hands of the receivers and under the control of Smith & Co.

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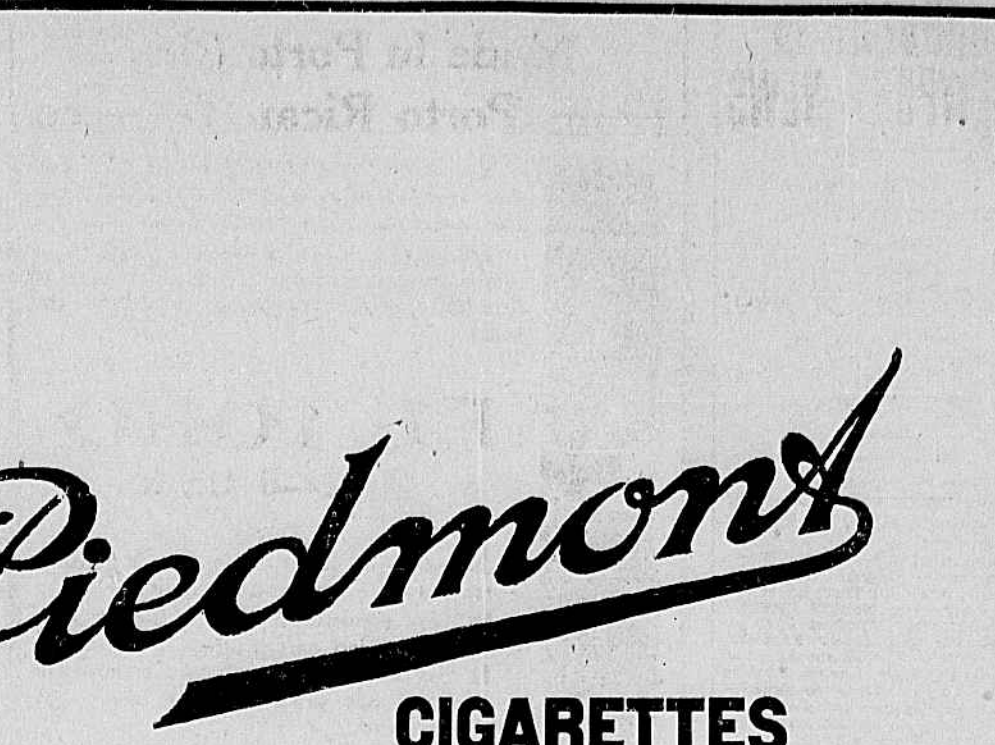
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## ARRESTED AFTER THIRTY YEARS

Charles W. Wells, Alias Yankee Allen, Who Killed Man in Nebraska, Captured.

### SHOT HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE

Ran Fifty Miles in One Night. Soon After Came to Virginia.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, VA., January 7.—Accused of doing murder in Nebraska thirty-one years ago, Charles W. Wells, alias Yankee Allen, was arrested to-day in Nansemond county, and was lodged in jail here, pending word from the Nebraska authorities.

Mr. Wells was interviewed in jail this afternoon. He made a full confession of the killing, which he says was in self-defense. The victim was Thomas Schuter, and the killing happened near Stanton, then a frontier hamlet in Northern Nebraska.

Wells and Schuter had a difficulty about a cow, which Wells had sold the latter. Wells says Schuter drew his gun first, but it missed fire. Then he shot Schuter dead. Wells left Stanton on the advice of lawyers, and walked and ran seventy-five miles to Sioux City, Iowa, in one night. He went from there to Manhattan, and thence to Oswego, N. Y., where he remained two years. He has been living in Nansemond county twenty-seven years, under the name of Allen.

Wells is seventy-two years of age. His wife this afternoon was in jail with him. She is sixty-four, and a native of Switzerland. An effort is being made to bail the prisoners, and probably will be successful. Wells is in comfortable circumstances.

No answer has come to a telegram sent to Nebraska. Wells says his victim was a foreigner, many of whom lived in that locality, and some of whom threatened him with mob violence. Schuter came yesterday morning in the Police Court, when Justice Crutchfield fined both the combatants \$5.

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Walter Ray (colored) was found Saturday with a lot of jewelry in his possession. He was arrested on suspicion by Detectives Bailey and Withshire, and will be held until the ownership of the trinkets can be proved.

## IN POLICE COURT.

Negroes Who Had Fight in Station Are Fined.

Edward Johnson (colored) smote Henry Ruffin, also colored, at the Main Street Station on Saturday because the latter made some offensive remarks about people who colored their mustaches. The bout was of five minutes' duration. The second came yesterday morning in the Police Court, when Justice Crutchfield fined both the combatants \$5.

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